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In re application of:

HIGUCHI, et al.

Serial No.: 07/695,201

Filed: May 2, 1991

For: HOMOGENEOUS METHODS FOR
NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION
AND DETECTION

Examiner: R. Prouty

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 24, 1992,
applicants submit the following amendments, arguments and Rule 132
Declarations.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 11, line 3 between the words "sample," and "said" please
insert --wherein--. Claim 11 is now twice amended.

Claim 11 (Amended Twice) A kit for amplifying a target nucleic acid,
that comprises a PCR buffer that comprises an intercalating agent and at least one
pair of PCR amplification primers.